

Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 6 and cancel claims 7, 9 – 10 and 12 without prejudice to the subject matter involved as indicated in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A herbicidal composition for controlling weeds in maize comprising:

(i) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonyloxy benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-chloro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-methanesulphonyl-2-nitrobenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-methanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione and 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-ethanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione; and

(ii) ~~an organic phosphonate or phosphinate~~ the adjuvant bis(2-ethylhexyl)-2-ethylhexylphosphonate at a concentration of less than 0.5% w/v.

Claims 7 – 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) A process for the control of weeds, said process comprising applying to the locus of the weeds a herbicidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 12 (Canceled)